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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

SCHROEDER et al.

Application No.: 09/882,986

Filed: June 14, 2001

For: MODULATION OF ABSCISIC
ACID SIGNAL TRANSDUCTION IN
PLANTS

Examiner: BAUM, Stuart F.

Art Unit: 1638

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the claims in light of the amendment and the following remarks.

All claims subject to examination are presented in Appendix for the Examiner's convenience.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-27 without prejudice to future revival.

Please add new claims 28-43: